

The background of the slide is a solid brown color. In the center, there is a faint, circular emblem. Inside the emblem, there is a golden cross at the top, a red heart with a crown of thorns in the middle, and an open book at the bottom. The text is overlaid on this emblem.

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God and His People are Victorious

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- The Book of Revelation provides several hymns of praise used in the Evening Office
- The setting – Rev 11:15-16
  - cf. Matt 24:30-31, I Thess 4:16-17
  - The twin challenges of Emperor worship and Gnosticism
    - Pressure to conform to the power and unity of the state
    - Divinity does not touch the physical: God does not interact with the world
- v17 - "who is to come" is omitted here because He has come

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- v18 – The nations raged – Ps 2
  - The challenge to sovereignty – Emperor worship
    - Rev 17:12-14, Zech 14:1-9
  - Time for the dead to be judged
    - Mark 13:26-27, I Cor 15:51-54, Rev 10:5-7
  - Rewarding your servants
    - Matt 25:31-46, Mark 10:28-30
  - Note that God cares about the destruction of the Earth

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- 12:10 - The accuser - cf. Zech 3:1, Job 1:6, 2:4-5
  - The justification of Christians before their accuser stands in marked contrast to the experience of the Church at this time where being accused of being a Christian led to condemnation and death, e.g., v.11
- v11 - cf. Luke 6:22-23, Matt 10:16-42, John 15:18-16:4, Matt 24:9-10, Mark 13:9-13, II Tim 3:12, Mark 10:28-30, Acts 14:21-22, I Thess 3:2-4, II Tim 1:8, I Pet 3:13-15, 2:21
  - Do we not love our lives even unto death?
    - How about our lifestyles, spending patterns, entertainment, time?
    - White martyrs